Macon County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM

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1. Call to order and welcome by Chairman Young

2. Announcements

3. Moment of Silence

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Hearing(s)

    a. Proposed Schedule of Values
    b. FY 28 5311 Admin Grant
    c. FY 28 5310 Elderly and/or Disables Grant
    d. FY 28 Combined Capital Grant

6. Additions to agenda

7. Public Comment Period

8. Adjustments to and approval of the agenda

9. Reports/Presentations

    a. Update from County Attorney on Data Centers and Moratorium Consideration - Attorney Eric Ridenour

10. Old Business

    a. Offer to Purchase County-owned Property - Attorney Ridenour
    b. Consideration and Approval of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Macon County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Attorney Ridenour

11. New Business

    a. Discussion and Consideration of Joint Meeting with Macon County Board of Education – Chairman Josh Young

12. Consent Agenda

    a. Minutes of the August 11, 2026 – Regular Meeting
    b. Budget Amendments # 33-51 and 55-56
    c. Capital Project Ordinance Amendment - Franklin High School Project
    d. Lease Renewal-1950 Lakeside Drive
    e. Approval of Demolition of County-Owned Property - 46 Nantahala School Road, Topton
    f. Tax Releases for the Month of August 2026 in the amount of $3,476.85
    g. Property Tax Settlement Report for 2025
    h. Monthly ad valorem tax collection report - no action necessary

13. Appointments
    a. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 15 Seats
    b. CHSA Board – 1 Seat

14. Closed Session as allowed under NCGS 143-318.11

15. Adjourn/Recess

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

We have four public hearings on the agenda as follows:

The first involves the 2027 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules that will be used for the upcoming tax reappraisal of real property. The board received copies of these documents at the August 2026 regular meeting. A copy of the notice of public hearing is included in the packet and it was published in the August 26, 2026 edition of *The Franklin Press* and the August 27, 2026 edition of *The Highlander*.

Per Tax Administrator Abby Braswell, the board, by statute (NCGS 105-317), must wait at least seven days after the public hearing before adopting the final schedules, standards and rules. She will be at the meeting to answer questions or provide additional details.

The remainder of the public hearings are related to funding for Macon County Transit. Ms. Asher will be present and is requesting approval of each of the grants as follows, and each will need to be voted on separately:

(1) 5311 Admin Grant: 5311 is a federal formula grant for rural areas to provide assistance to support public transportation in areas with populations of less than 50,000. This grant supports the administration portion of the transit budget, pays the salaries and benefits for 2.3 positions, drug and alcohol testing, office supplies, training, advertising, and more. Macon County's funding amount is $204,175. This is an 85/05/10 grant. Meaning the Federal share is 85% and the County share is 15%. The County's share amount is $30,626.25.

Following the close of the public hearing, the board will need to take action.

(2) 5310 Operating: This program is used to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services. Macon County Transit is requesting $270,000 in funding. This grant is a 50/50 match, less fares. The $135,000 County share will be met by using the EDTAP portion of the ROAP funds and Contract revenues from agencies billed. Therefore, no county funds will be used as a match.

Following the close of the public hearing, the board will need to take action.

(3) Capital Grant: This program allows rural systems the opportunity to apply for funding for capital projects. This grant comes with a schedule for the replacement of capital items. For FY28, MCT is asking for the replacement of four (4) Ford Transit vehicles with wheelchair stations along with lettering, propane conversion kits, fareboxes, etc. In following the replacement schedule, all these vehicles had 100,000 miles or more on June 30th, 2026. MCT is also requesting the replacement of 2 desktop PC's with monitors following the replacement schedule for PC's. The total for this grant is grant is $484,932. This is an 80/10/10 grant; the County's share is $96,986

Following the close of the public hearing, the board will need to take action.

A copy of the notice of public hearing has been posted on the Macon County website, social media sites, and other public locations.

County Attorney Eric Ridenour can provide additional guidance and information as needed.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2027 SCHEDULE OF VALUES, STANDARDS, AND RULES This notice is given in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-317 The proposed schedule of values, standards, and rules to be used for the 2027 tax reappraisal of real property in Macon County has been submitted to the Macon County Board of Commissioners. These schedules, standards, and rules are available for public inspection on the county's website at https://maconnc.org/Tax.html and in the Macon County Tax Administrator's office at 5 West Main St. Annex building during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The public hearing on the proposed schedules, standards, and rules will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the third floor of he Macon County Courthouse. Warren Cabe County Manager Ex Officio Clerk to the Board of Commissioners 8/26/2026

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Important – While the state or federal regulations do not require a public hearing, it can be conducted if required locally.

Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Macon County Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 2nd, 2026. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 8th, 2026 at 6:00 PM before the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact Darlene Asher, Transit Director on or before September 1st, 2026, at telephone number 828-349-2566 or via email at dasher@maconnc.org .

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Macon County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using Light Transit vehicles and lift-equipped vans. Services are rendered by Macon County Transit.
The total estimated amount requested for the period ***July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028.***
NOTE: Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.

Project	**Total Amount**	**Local Share**
5311 Administrative	$ **204,175**	$ **30,626.25** (15%)
5310 Operating (No State Match)	$ **270,000**	$ **135,000** (50%)
Combined Capital	$ **484,932**	$ **96,986** (20%)
Funding programs covered are 5311, 5310, 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, 5307 (Small fixed route, regional, and consolidated urban-rural systems)		
TOTAL	$ **995,107** **Total Funding Requests**	$ **262,612.25** **Total Local Share**

This application may be inspected at Macon County Transit, 36 Pannell Lane, Franklin, NC 28734 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM M-F. Written comments should be directed to Darlene Asher, Transit Director ***before*** September 1st, 2026.

End of Notice

PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

Important – While the state or federal regulations do not require a public hearing, it can be conducted if required locally.

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

APPLICANT: **Macon County**

DATE: **September 8, 2026**

PLACE: **Macon County Court House**

TIME: **6:00 PM**

How many BOARD MEMBERS attended the public hearing? _____

How many members of the PUBLIC attended the public hearing? _____

Public Attendance Surveys

☐ *(Attached)*

☐ *(Offered at Public Hearing but none completed)*

I, the undersigned, representing *(Legal Name of Applicant)* _____ do hereby certify to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, that a Public Hearing was held as indicated above and

During the Public Hearing

☐ *(NO public comments)*

☐ *(Public Comments were made and meeting minutes will be submitted after board approval)*

The estimated date for board approval of meeting minutes is: _____

_____
Signature or Clerk to the Board

_____
Printed Name and Title

_____
Date

Affix Seal Here

VOLUNTARY TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) to gather statistical data regarding participants and beneficiaries of the agency's federal-aid programs and activities. NC DOT collects information on race, color, national origin and gender of the attendees to this public meeting to ensure the inclusion of all segments of the population impacted by a proposed project.

NCDOT wishes to clarify that this information gathering process **is completely voluntary** and that you are not required to disclose the statistical data requested to participate in this meeting. This form is a public document used to collect data, only.

The completed forms will be held on file at the North Carolina Department of Transportation. For Further information regarding this process please contact the NCDOT Title VI Program at telephone number 919.508.1808 or email at titlevi@ncdot.gov.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

9A. Attorney Ridenour will provide an update as requested at the August 2026 regular meeting.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – OLD BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

10(A). An Offer to Purchase has been received to purchase the property located at Rocky Hill Road in Watauga Vista (PIN 7517-64-1495; Book E-7, Page 124). The offer is in the amount of $1,600. The 5% bid deposit will need to be tendered upon that acceptance before the Board can publish the offer in the paper. Once the Board has accepted and the bid deposit is made, then the county would publish the notice in the paper subjecting the property to the 10 day upset bid process. Action is needed to accept this offer and enter into the upset bid period. Attorney Ridenour can provide more information about the offer and the upset bid process at the meeting.

10(B). At the August 2026 regularr meeting, the Board requested review of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council membership. In review by Macon County HR and Safety Director Tammy Keezer, NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Area Consultant Lorraine Williams, and Attorney Ridenour it was determined that the JCPC Bylaws also needed to be revised. A copy of the amended Bylaws is included in your packet for consideration and approval.

OFFER TO PURCHASE SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY MACON COUNTY

THIS OFFER TO PURCHASE SURPLUS PROPERTY is made and entered into by and between David R. DeWitt hereinafter referred to as "Buyer", and THE COUNTY OF MACON, hereinafter referred to as "Seller."
and Lea Ellen DeWitt

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Buyer is interested in purchasing that .50 +/- acre tract of real property with a physical address of Rocky Hill Rd bearing PIN# 7517-64-1495 and more particularly described in Book E-7, Page 124 of the Macon County Registry; and

WHEREAS, Buyer offers to purchase the above described property for $ 1,600.00

WHEREAS, Buyer is aware that Seller is required to comply with the Upset Bid Process of the Sale of Public Lands pursuant to NCGS 160A-269.

NOW THEREFORE, Buyer offers to purchase the above described property with the following terms:

1. Buyer offers to purchase the property for $ 1,600.00 subject to a higher bid being received by the County during the Upset Bid process.

2. Upon acceptance of this offer by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Buyer is required to deposit the sum of 5% of the bid ($ 80.00) in certified funds with the Macon County Finance Office, c/o Ms. Lindsay Leopard, 5 W. Main St. Franklin, NC 28734.

3. The County shall comply with the Upset Bid Procedure of NCGS 160A-269. Any upset bids received by the County within the 10 days set forth in the Notice of Proposed Sale in the local newspaper shall be required to raise the bid by a minimum of 10% for the first one thousand dollars and 5% of the remainder.

4. Closing shall take place within 30 days after the Completion of the Upset Bid Process as set forth in NCGS 160A-269.

5. The property shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed.

6. Nothing in this agreement requires the County to sell the property at issue for any price. The County may reject any and all offers at any time pursuant to NCGS 160A-269.

7. The contact information for the Buyer is:

Mailing address: 1421 Newport Ave
Lakeland, FL 33803

Email: benz425@aol.com

Phone: 863-838-4459

8. The contact information for the Seller for questions about the sale is:

MACON COUNTY
Attn. Macon County Attorney, Eric Ridenour
(828)586-3131
eric@sylvalawyers.com

The contact information for the Seller for questions about the deposit of bid bond is:
MACON COUNTY
Attn. Finance Director, Lindsay Leopard
(828) 349-2027
lleopard@maconnc.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seal on this the day and year last signed below.

SELLER:

MACON COUNTY

_____ _____
_____, Chairman Date

Attest:

_____ _____
Warren Cabe, Clerk to the Board Date

BUYER:

David R DeWitt 8/12/2026
David R. DeWitt Date
(printed name)
Lea Ellen DeWitt
Lea Ellen DeWitt 8/12/2026

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS of
THE MACON COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Adopted at the September 8, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting of the Macon County Board of County Commissioners.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

The Macon County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, hereinafter "JCPC" is established pursuant to Chapter 143B, Article 13, Part 3, Subpart F of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The purposes of the Council are to:

1. Prevent juveniles who are at risk from becoming delinquent.
2. Support community-based delinquency, substance abuse, and gang prevention strategies.
3. Develop community-based alternatives to youth development centers and institutional placement.
4. Evaluate local juvenile needs and available resources.
5. Recommend funding priorities and services for juveniles and their families.
6. Carry out the duties assigned to Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils under North Carolina law.

Authority**:** G.S. 143B-845; G.S. 143B-846(a); G.S. 143B-851.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

Membership shall be as prescribed by G.S. 143B-846, as amended from time to time. The Macon County Board of Commissioners shall appoint members in accordance with that statute. The JCPC may make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning appointments, vacancies, and membership needs; however, all appointments and modifications to membership shall be made by the Board of Commissioners. The Chair of the JCPC shall make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners upon advice of the JCPC Nominations Committee.

Section 1.2. Modification of Membership Composition

The Macon County Board of Commissioners may modify the Council's membership as necessary to ensure that the membership reflects the racial and socioeconomic diversity of the community and to minimize potential conflicts of interest among Council members. G.S. 143B-846(a);

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Section 2. Terms

Members shall serve for two year terms and may be reappointed. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. G.S. 143B-847.

Section 3. Attendance

Members are expected to attend and participate regularly in Council meetings and committee activities. The Chair may notify the Board of Commissioners of repeated absences, resignation, inability to serve, or other circumstances warranting consideration of replacement.

Section 4. Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Commissioners in the same manner as the original appointment. G.S. 143B-846(a).

Section 5. Removal

Members of the JCPC shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners retains authority over appointments, membership modifications, and removals.

ARTICLE III. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council shall exercise the powers and duties assigned by G.S. 143B-851, including:

1. Assessing juvenile needs within the county;
2. Evaluating available resources;
3. Developing and implementing juvenile crime prevention plans;
4. Conducting Request for Proposal (RFP) processes;
5. Evaluating funded programs;
6. Increasing public awareness regarding delinquency prevention;
7. Recommending funding priorities; and
8. Performing any other duties required by law or by the Division of Juvenile Justice.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Council shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and elected annually by the JCPC. Officers shall be elected by majority of the members present at the first meeting of each fiscal year. G.S. 143B-846(c).

Section 2. Chair

The Chair shall preside at meetings, appoint committees, execute documents authorized by the Council, serve as liaison to the Board of Commissioners and the Division of Juvenile Justice, and perform other duties assigned by the Council.

Section 3. Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain minutes, maintain records of Council actions, and ensure records are retained according to applicable law and policy.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The Council shall meet at least [*every 2 months, quarterly, bi-annually]* or more frequently as necessary Meetings may be conducted by electronic means to the extent permitted by North Carolina law.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Council.

Section 3. Open Meetings

All meetings of the Council and its committees shall comply with the North Carolina Open Meetings Law. G.S. 143-318.9, et. seq.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of the currently appointed members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Voting

Unless otherwise required by law or these bylaws, actions shall be approved by a majority of members present and voting.

Section 6. Minutes

Minutes shall be maintained for all meetings and shall constitute public records unless otherwise exempt by law.

Section 7. Parliamentary Procedure

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of meetings in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with North Carolina law, these bylaws, applicable Division of Juvenile Justice policies, or duly adopted Council procedures.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Establishment and Duties

The Council shall establish a nominating committee and may establish additional standing or special committees as necessary to perform its duties. G.S. 143B-851(c). Committee members shall be appointed by the Chair. The Chair may appoint non-members as advisory, non-voting participants when beneficial to committee work. Committees shall make recommendations to the full Council and shall possess only such authority as delegated by the Council.

ARTICLE VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 1. Compliance

Council members shall comply with all applicable North Carolina conflict-of-interest laws, including G.S. 14-234.

Section 2. Disclosure

Members shall promptly disclose actual or potential conflicts of interest.

Section 3. Recusal

A member with an actual or apparent conflict of interest shall not:

1. Participate in discussion;
2. Participate in evaluation, ranking, or scoring;
3. Attempt to influence other members; or
4. Vote on the matter giving rise to the conflict.

The disclosure and recusal shall be recorded in the minutes.

Section 4. Annual Disclosure

Each member shall complete any conflict-of-interest forms required by the Division of Juvenile Justice or Department of Public Safety.

ARTICLE VIII. RECORDS AND PUBLIC ACCESS

Section 1. Public Records

Council records shall be maintained in accordance with Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and any applicable records-retention requirements.

Section 2. Retention

Council records, minutes, funding plans, contracts, grant files, conflict disclosures, and program monitoring records shall be retained as required by law and Division of Juvenile Justice policy.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

These bylaws shall be interpreted consistent with:

1. Chapter 143B, Article 13, Part 3 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended;
2. Applicable federal and state law;
3. Requirements and policies of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and Division of Juvenile Justice; and
4. Conditions attached to any grant or funding source.

If any provision of these bylaws conflicts with controlling law, the controlling law shall govern and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. G.S. 143B-845 through G.S. 143B-852, as amended.

Adopted at the September, 8, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

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Josh Young, Chairman, Macon County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Warren Cabe, Macon County Manager and Clerk to the Board

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – NEW BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

11(A). Chairman Young will provide information at the meeting.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

Item 12A. Draft minutes from the August 11, 2026, regular meeting are attached for the board's review and approval. (Tammy Keezer)

Item 12B. Budget Amendments #33-51 and #55-56 are attached for your review and approval. (Lindsay Leopard)

Item 12C. Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – Franklin High School Project. (Lindsay Leopard)

Item 12D. Lease Renewal – 1950 Lakeside Drive. (County Manager Warren Cabe)

Item 12E. Approval of Demolition of County-Owned Property – 46 Nantahala School Road, Topton (County Manager Warren Cabe)

Item 12F. Tax releases for the month of August 2026 in the amount of $3,476.85, per the attached memorandum from Tax Collections Supervisor Delena Raby.

Item 12G. The settlement report for 2025 taxes, as required by state statute, from Tax Collections Supervisor Delena Raby.

Item 12G. A copy of the ad valorem tax collection report as of December 31, 2025. Report only. No action is necessary. (Delena Raby)

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 11, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Board Members, County Manager Warren Cabe, Deputy Clerk Tammy Keezer, Finance Director Lindsay Leopard, and County Attorney Eric Ridenour were present, as were several county employees, media, and citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Manager Cabe shared that construction had kicked off on the boardwalk at Arthur Drake Road, making that parking lot pretty much inaccessible. A temporary parking lot off Depot Street Extension at the corner of Iotla Street was set up in the meantime, with the project expected to wrap up within several weeks.

Commissioner Breeden took a moment to tip his hat to the Macon County Sheriff's Department following a string of thefts, including two of his own side-by-sides stolen from his store. He noted that officers recovered over $100,000 worth of stolen goods and put the suspects behind bars. He personally thanked Taylor Carlton of the Franklin Police Department, along with deputies Joe Lynch, Ethan Ramsey, Sean McCall, Brandon Carter, Will Watson, Justin Riles, Daniel Long, Hunter Jameson, Cody Howard, David Loughry, and Grayson Hall by name.

Commissioner Antoine and Commissioner Shields offered brief welcomes to those in attendance. Commissioner Shearl echoed their welcome and thanked the public for showing up and making their voices heard to their local government.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Young requested all in attendance rise and a moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Shields, the pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

To Consider Amendment of Chapter 157 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances to Include Updated Definitions of Server-Based Facilities

Chairman Young opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m., noting approximately fourteen speakers signed up to address the proposed ordinance changes. The hearing focused on data centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities, and server-based facilities.

Carol Light opened by expressing strong concern about water and power impacts. She noted that a large server facility can consume thousands of gallons of water daily for cooling, and warned that North Carolina generally does not require industrial water withdrawal permits for most of the state — making the county ordinance "the only thing standing between these facilities and our water supply." She asked the Board to require closed-loop cooling systems, prohibit new well or surface water withdrawals for these uses, and demand written proof from water utilities before any permit is issued. She also raised alarm about lithium-ion battery banks, calling them a classified federal hazardous material capable of thermal runaway that firefighters "cannot extinguish with water," and requested advance notice to fire departments before any battery shipments and a fire response plan developed locally — with all costs paid by developers, not

taxpayers. **Mase Lucas** of Scaly Mountain urged a moratorium be passed tonight while the Board strengthens the ordinance. He also asked the Board to add low-frequency (dBC) noise limits alongside dBA standards, with noise testing funded by operators before any facility opens. **Denise Mullins** spoke about air quality, referencing documented medical reports linking data center diesel generators to asthma-related health impacts and deaths, and called for replacing diesel backup generators with battery alternatives. **Betsy Baste** raised concern about a Planning Board member and asked the Board to take a hard look at who sits on the Planning Board and what they might stand to gain. **Lisa Walker** reported that her research led her to conclude that "limiting data center operations to certain hours is legally vulnerable and the least defensible way to do it." She asked the Board to consider a moratorium while working with the towns of Highlands and Franklin to develop tighter, legally grounded rules. **Constance Neely** of Scaly Mountain noted that no data center application had yet been filed in Macon County, calling that "our strongest legal position." She urged the Board to adopt a moratorium immediately, noting that more than twenty counties across North Carolina had already paused new applications. She also warned that the ordinance language needs to cover future technologies, pointing to a Cherokee County facility that converted from crypto to AI to escape a local ban. **Lorraine Ross** of Franklin advocated for a moratorium and the establishment of a data center task force or committee. She pointed out that the current ordinance definition doesn't adequately account for small data centers — such as those operated by hospitals or schools at two megawatts or under — and said the county should look at how neighboring counties are handling those exemptions. **Amy Patterson** addressed the specific ordinance language. **Amy Medlock** expressed gratitude for the Board's attention to the issue and noted that "it's been really nice to see people from different backgrounds and different beliefs and political leanings come together to protect our town and our county." **Sarah Johnson** said she was speaking against hyperscale data centers specifically — facilities spanning acres and consuming five million or more gallons of water. She raised concerns about food insecurity (noting that twenty percent of Macon County residents are food insecure), rising power bills, loss of farmland, and health impacts from air and noise pollution. **Heather Johnson** thanked the county for taking the issue seriously and urged proactive changes before it's too late. **Mary Ann Ingram** raised a concern that a data center could potentially purchase water from private individuals who are permitted to extract large volumes from local sources, effectively circumventing any ordinance that focuses on direct withdrawals. She urged the Board to think broadly about all the ways a company might work around the rules. **Katie Horn** presented data on health risks, including that U.S. data centers could contribute to approximately 1,300 premature deaths annually by 2030 from fossil fuel emissions, and that chronic noise exposure from HVAC systems and diesel generators can cause tinnitus, sleep disturbances, cardiovascular disorders, and cognitive impairment. **Chuck Watson** shared that he'd done his homework since last month's meeting. He focused on water consumption, noting that evaporative cooling at data centers uses millions of gallons of water — most of it during warmer months — and called Macon County "a pretty unlikely place" for that kind of operation given the county's limited water resources. **Cody Harper** told the Board, "We do not have the water for it, or else we will see the Little Tennessee River turning into the Little Tennessee Basin."

Chairman Young closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. and invited David Culpepper, Chairman of the Macon County Planning Board, to speak on the Planning Board's process.

Mr. Culpepper explained that the Board had sent the ordinance down to the Planning Board with some edits to address legal vulnerabilities in the definitions. The Planning Board reviewed those changes, found them to be a sound improvement, and recommended the Board adopt the amendments — while acknowledging that any additional steps, including a moratorium, were entirely the commissioners' call. Attorney Ridenour then addressed the question of moratoriums directly. He stated that while moratoriums sound appealing as a layer of protection, they are "actually easily attacked" when a well-funded opponent challenges them. Under NCGS 160D-107(d), a moratorium must include specific findings: the problem necessitating it, alternatives considered, what approvals are halted, how the moratorium will address the problem, and a

termination work plan. He said he'd looked at several moratoriums enacted by other Western North Carolina counties and was not confident they had fully complied with the statute — meaning they could be overturned if challenged, leaving those counties with neither an ordinance nor a moratorium. His advice was clear: "Let's adopt what we've got. We're free to revise it anytime in the future." He argued that a well-crafted, restrictive ordinance is a stronger legal position than a potentially defective moratorium. Commissioner Shearl asked whether a moratorium on top of the adopted ordinance would add protection. Attorney Ridenour said he hadn't fully researched that combination, but offered to look into it and report back before any future moratorium hearing. He also noted that a moratorium of sixty days or less could be enacted more quickly, while longer moratoriums require full notice and hearing procedures.
Commissioner Shearl observed that given the 750-foot setback requirement, limited water and sewer availability, and the fact that both the towns of Highlands and Franklin already had moratoriums in place, the practical landscape for data centers in Macon County was already very difficult. He said he hated technology "with a passion" but moved to adopt the ordinance changes as presented. Commissioner Antoine voiced that he shared the sentiment against data centers but wanted to make sure the Board was choosing the best legal path forward, noting it might "take a little bit of time to get through." He was supportive of the moratorium conversation continuing at a future meeting.
Motion to adopt the amendment of Chapter 157 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances with the updated definitions of server-based facilities was made by Commissioner Shearl and seconded by Commissioner Breeden. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Shearl requested to add two items: Item 10B under Old Business for further discussion on a data center moratorium, and Item 11D under New Business for discussion of mass surveillance systems in Macon County.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Kelly Curtis** spoke about representation and the commissioner election structure, noting that some communities feel their voices are diluted under the current at-large and district system. She advocated for five equal districts with roughly twenty percent of the population each so every community has a direct representative. She suggested the Board consider forming a committee to research solutions and hear public input from residents who feel disenfranchised. **Bob Cook** raised concerns about what he described as a pattern of lacking transparency from the Sheriff's Office, referencing issues with public records requests, the criminal interdiction team, and the Flock camera policy timeline. He cited North Carolina statute Article 3D, which requires a written policy governing automatic license plate reader use to be in place before the system is operational, and noted that a violation constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor — carrying up to 120 days in jail. **Patty Trick** spoke about library book selection practices and asked the Board whether librarians could be empowered to draw from more diverse selection lists as they plan the new library. **Heather Johnson** asked the Board to establish clear and transparent criteria for vetting appointments to county boards and commissions, referencing the issues seen at the last commissioner meeting and the Planning Board. She said people with good track records who know and care about the community should be serving on these boards. **John Kotab** raised a concern about MAC address harvesting from electronic devices passing by camera infrastructure, even with cameras covered, and argued that the poles themselves should come down as a show of follow-through. He also urged the Board to take the issue to the state level, noting many counties are fighting the same battle. **Cody Harper** tied his earlier water level observations to the data center issue, urging the Board that any facilities allowed must be small-scale and use self-contained cooling systems.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Shearl and seconded by Commissioner Shields. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2025 - Manager Cabe recognized Finance Officer Lindsay Leopard and the Macon County Finance Office for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2025. He noted the department had been through significant change and that the recognition speaks to the continued integrity, transparency, and excellence of that office.

Presentation of Proposed Schedule of Values and Schedule Public Hearing - Tax Administrator Abby Braswell presented the proposed Schedule of Values, Standards, and Rules for real property and present-use value property. She noted that the schedules would be posted physically at the tax and mapping offices and electronically on the county and public notices websites. A public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting to allow questions, with a vote on the schedules planned for the October meeting. Once approved, the schedules must be advertised for four consecutive weeks before taking effect.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carson Convenience Center Design Presentation – Manager Cabe walked the Board through the proposed design for the new Carson Convenience Center. The facility is located along Highway 64 near the old Cartoogechaye School site and is designed to be a model for recycling efficiency. The layout features a two-lane entrance with four dedicated recycling spots pulling to the right, so folks doing recycling can take their time without blocking household trash traffic. The solid waste area includes three container spots — two operational at all times, with the third allowing trucks to swap out cans without stopping the flow of traffic.

He then showed an overlay of the remaining eight acres of the property, noting the site sits directly across the creek from Parker Meadows. While the soil isn't ideal for major construction given proximity to wetlands, Manager Cabe showed how a multi-use recreational field could potentially be placed there in the future — particularly given growing pressure on Cullasaja Park from flag football leagues and other youth sports programs.

On timeline, Manager Cabe stated the project is ready to go out to bid, with a goal of a January 1 completion date, contingent on clearing final federal approval hurdles related to the grant funding received last April and getting paving done before asphalt plants close in mid-October.

Commissioner Shearl raised the long-standing need for a soccer field in Highlands, expressing that before the county invests further in additional recreational fields near Franklin, he wants to see concrete plans moving forward for Zachary Park in Highlands — including a regulation-size track. Chairman Young acknowledged that concern but cautioned that if a school is someday planned for the Highlands site, putting a turf soccer field on the best part of that property might get the cart before the horse. He suggested a comprehensive site study with contours and real elevations first.

Commissioner Breeden noted he believed the school system is already working with a firm on Zachary Park options, including a soccer-only field and a soccer-plus-track option. Manager Cabe said an RFQ could be issued for a firm to evaluate Zachary Park whenever the Board is ready.

Commissioner Antoine emphasized the growing soccer program in Franklin and the real need for additional field space for youth, calling the convenience center site overlay "a wonderful site plan."

The Board reached consensus to proceed with bidding the convenience center, with an option to price the recreational field as an add-alternate, leaving the remaining space as green space for now.

Further Discussion on a Data Center Moratorium - Commissioner Shearl raised the question of whether a moratorium could provide an additional layer of protection for citizens on top of the ordinance just adopted. Attorney Ridenour reiterated his earlier caution, noting that he had reviewed the statute carefully and found that moratoriums other counties had imposed appeared not to fully comply with the specific findings required under NCGS 160D-107(d). He stated flatly, "I don't see how they've complied with the statute. I think they're hung out to dry right now if attacked." He offered to continue researching the question — specifically whether a moratorium layered on top of the adopted ordinance would strengthen or weaken the county's legal position — and report back.

The Board agreed to place the data center moratorium discussion on the September agenda, allowing Attorney Ridenour time to complete his research.

NEW BUSINESS:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Lorraine Williams, Area Consultant with the NC Department of Public Safety's Division of Juvenile Justice, presented the JCPC's fiscal year 2026–2027 certification and annual plan. She explained that the JCPC's role is to assess the risk and needs of juveniles coming through the juvenile justice system and to monitor funded programs. The county is in year two of a two-year funding cycle approved under changes to General Statute 143B. She noted there are currently two vacant commissioner-appointee seats on the board out of seven that the Board can fill, and encouraged the commissioners to help recruit dedicated members, as quorum has historically been a challenge.

Commissioner Shearl noted that of the six meetings listed in the certification, a quorum had been achieved only once, and asked who was making decisions without a quorum. Ms. Williams acknowledged the challenge and said the JCPC is actively working to improve attendance, and she welcomed the Board's help in recruiting members. Ms. Leopard flagged that the programs funded through the JCPC would not receive their July or August payments until the annual plan was approved — making timely action important. Commissioner Breeden suggested advertising the vacant JCPC seats through the county's standard board application process for next month's meeting.

Motion to approve the JCPC Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Annual Plan and Certification was made by Commissioner Breeden and seconded by Commissioner Antoine. Motion passed unanimously.

Outside Agency Funding Requests – Manager Cabe asked the Board for direction on how to handle an increasing number of funding requests from nonprofits and outside agencies. He asked whether the Board wanted requests handled on a first-come, first-served basis; batched quarterly; or deferred to a set point in the budget cycle. Commissioner Shields made the case for reviving something like the old community funding pool — noting that county-level support is often a critical component for nonprofits in grant applications. He cited Kids Place as an example, estimating that if the organization had to shut down, the county would have to pick up roughly $250,000 in services itself. He also praised the work of the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Center's "Bringing Daddy Home" program. Commissioner Shearl offered a strong opposing view, arguing that it is "not our role as an elected body…to decide to give [taxpayer money] away to non-government organizations." He said he personally donates to organizations like Kids Place and the pregnancy center, but believes nonprofits that are truly vital to a community should be able to sustain themselves through community donations. He pointed to Mountain Findings in Highlands — a fully volunteer-run thrift organization that donates hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to local nonprofits without any government support — as a model. Commissioner Antoine said he sees both sides, but ultimately feels it comes down to whether the community is behind these organizations. He noted that the county has funded these programs for years and they've clearly been a benefit, but emphasized that it's ultimately the people's money. Commissioner Breeden said he supports continuing the practice, though acknowledged a formal system with clear criteria needs to be in place to manage the volume of requests that will inevitably come in — from Little League teams to scouts to nonprofits. Town of Highlands Commissioner Amy Patterson (speaking from the audience at Commissioner Shields'

invitation) noted that Highlands eventually discontinued its outside agency funding program after it became unmanageable — especially when they moved to a bricks-and-mortar-only policy to avoid annual operating expense requests, and still couldn't say no to everyone fairly.

The Board did not take a formal vote. Chairman Young asked Manager Cabe and Attorney Ridenour to consult on the legality and a framework for potential criteria, and to report back at a future meeting.

Consideration to Declare County-Owned Property Surplus and Advertise for Public Bid - Manager Cabe presented seven parcels in the Watauga Vista subdivision — all tax foreclosures — that staff recommended declaring surplus. The parcels range in assessed value from approximately $1,500 to $14,600 each, with most being small lots around 0.3 to 0.4 of an acre. He noted they serve no county purpose and are currently off the tax rolls.

Motion to declare all seven Watauga Vista parcels as surplus county property and advertise for public bid was made by Commissioner Shearl and seconded by Commissioner Antoine. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of Mass Surveillance Systems in Macon County - Commissioner Shearl led a discussion on third-party mass surveillance technology, specifically the Flock Safety license plate reader system. He stated the issue has "really consumed" him over the past two months and shared that he had been in contact with counties across multiple states. He argued that law-abiding citizens should not be tracked every time they go out on the street, and called on the Board to consider banning all third-party surveillance systems from county-owned properties and vehicles. He cited Oconee County as an example of a jurisdiction that has banned such systems and is even considering tying municipal funding to compliance. Sheriff Holbrooks was present and participated in the discussion, acknowledging the practical investigative value of camera systems — noting that when the Highlands Road Flock camera was still operational, stolen property might have been recovered sooner — but affirming he would research whether alternative, less-invasive systems exist to meet the department's legitimate law enforcement needs. He also noted that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is expected to issue a ruling on the constitutionality of these systems before the end of the year. Commissioner Breeden reminded the Board that it had already voted the cameras out and asked what more there was to decide. He cautioned against overreach into areas — like private property or state right-of-way's — where the Board has no authority, and expressed concern about "putting out a lot of fear propaganda." He also raised a practical question about body cameras, noting that a federal mandate may exist requiring their use. Attorney Ridenour clarified that the Board's authority in this area is essentially limited to policies governing county-financed cameras on county-owned property, noting that the county has no right-of-way and cannot prevent the state, DOT, or private citizens from installing cameras on their own property. Manager Cabe added that any policy would need careful wording to avoid inadvertently covering security cameras on county buildings or in-car cameras on sheriff's vehicles. Commissioner Antoine said the Board's position is clear and that current commissioners won't be approving any similar systems. Chairman Young framed the budget process as the most practical check — if the sheriff requests funding for such systems, the Board controls the purse strings.

The Board did not take formal action but reached consensus that the county's current position — no flock cameras — stands, and directed Attorney Ridenour to look into what formal policy authority the Board has over county-financed surveillance systems going forward.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included minutes of the July 11, 2026, regular meeting, budget amendments #20-29, Grant Project Ordinance – 2027 Urgent Repair Program, Community Advisory Board Annual Report 9 No action necessary), Fireworks Permit – Town of Franklin, Nantahala Community Development Club Lease Extension, Economic Development Commission Updated Bylaws, Macon County Transit Updated Drug and Alcohol Policy, Tax releases for the month of July 2026 in the amount of $1,061.95, and Monthly ad valorem tax collection report – no action necessary.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Breeden and seconded by Commissioner Antoine. Motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

CHSA Board (2 seats) - Manager Cabe explained that two seats on the CHSA Board — held by Matt Corbin (Dentist position) and Garrett Higdon (Engineer position) — were coming up for reappointment following the health department consolidation earlier in the year. He recommended reappointing both individuals, consistent with the Board's earlier decision to keep them in place through the first term of the new consolidated agency.
Motion to reappoint Matt Corbin and Garrett Higdon to the CHSA Board was made by Commissioner Breeden and seconded by Commissioner Shields. Motion passed 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session was requested.

ADJOURN: With no other business, at 8:37 p.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Breeden, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Warren Cabe	Josh Young
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board	Board Chair

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 33

DEPARTMENT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

EXPLANATION Change order for IT/data drop revisions

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
466033	580900	CONSTRUCTION	224,498.00	
466033	592010	FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT		224,498.00

TOTAL REVENUES	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	224,498	224,498

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leppard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER [signature]

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2024 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

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MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 34

DEPARTMENT NON-DEPARTMENTAL

EXPLANATION Appropriate contingency funds for Teem Hollow demolition and restoration and demolotion of county owned property in Nantahala.

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
114260	556006	CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR SUPPLIES	42,900	
114260	556006	CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR SUPPLIES	10,000	
119900	579100	CONTINGENCY FUNDS		52,900

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leonard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2020 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 35

DEPARTMENT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EXPLANATION Appropriate proceeds from Calendar Sales to cover employee appreciation picnic and candy for Halloween in the Park

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113344	435015	CALENDAR SALES	1,500	
114310	556024	SPECIAL FUND EXPENSES	1,500	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Sheriff Brent Holbrooks

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT July 14, 2026

AMENDMENT # 36

FROM: FINANCE

DEPARTMENT: DSS
EXPLANATION: Carry Forward of Contracted Services 25-26 for Director Search

	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
11-3840-4179-00	**Fund Balance**	**13300**	
11-5300-5566-07	**Contracted Services**	**13300**	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Benetta Dicken

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT July 14, 2026

AMENDMENT # 37

FROM: FINANCE

DEPARTMENT: DSS
EXPLANATION: Carry Forward of 24-25 Child Support Incentives

	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
11-3840-4179-00	**Fund Balance**	**5500**	
11-5365-5551-00	**Child Support Professional Fees**	**4000**	
11-5365-5551-01	**Child Support Legal Fees**	**1500**	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Benjamin Aiken

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Lenpard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 38

8/3/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH
EXPLANATION: Agreement Addemdum for FY27 was increassed by $56,250.
Need to be increase revenues and expenditures by this amount.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
115125-558901	Travel/Training	56,250	
113511-426001	Tobacco Grant	56,250	

PREPARED BY: Judy Bell

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD by C Dies

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 39

Date: 8/5/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Received AA122 Hurricane Helen Essential Functions Support Funds, Activity Code 230333, 2B0HHEL, 20H0000012

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-437005	Hurricane Helene Essential Function	$ 167,139.00	
115110-565034	Hurr Helene Essent Funct Supp	$ 167,139.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Butler

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay C Dees

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Lenard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 40

Date: 8/6/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Received AA121 ARPA TSF Public Health Services, Activity Code 131204, 2BTS190, 2000400000.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
115110-565033	ARPA TSF Public Health Services	$ 20,864.00	
113511-445725	PHI: LND	$ 20,864.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Ritzer

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay C Dees

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 41

Date: 8/6/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY27. Balance left in the expenditure line item.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113850-445909	ASPCA Grant	$ 6,353.00	
114380-552201	ASPCA Grant - Food	$ 6,353.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Kutzer

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay C Dees

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leonard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT #42

Date: 8/12/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Carry over GlaxoSmithKline award funds received in FY26 to FY27. Balance left in the expenditure line item.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-438024	GlaxoSmithKline Award	$ 9,810.00	
115110-565018	GlaxoSmithKline Award	$ 9,810.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Ketner

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kimy C. Dees

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT Date: 8/12/2026
AMENDMENT # 43

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH
Explanation: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY27. Balance left in the expenditure line item.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-438568	Community Care of NC Grant	$ 35,077.00	
115111-555106	Contracted Services	$ 35,077.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Ketner

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay Coles

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 44

Date: 8/13/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY27. Balance left in the expenditure line item.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-436035	Bring Value Home Innovation	$ 3,745.00	
115111-555133	Bring Value Home Innovation Funding	$ 3,745.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa D Kutzer

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay C Davis

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT Date: 8/18/2026
AMENDMENT # 45

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH
Explanation: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY27, that was received at the end of FY26, not yet added to the FY26 budget.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-436035	Bring Value Home Innovation	$ 6,150.00	
115111-555133	Bring Value Home Innovation Funding	$ 6,150.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Kutzer

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay Coes

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 46

8/3/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH
EXPLANATION: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY 27
Balance left in the expenditure line item.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-436031	Healthy People Healthy Carolinas	106,951.00	
115128-555128	Hlthy People Hlthy Carolinas Grant	106,951.00	

PREPARED BY Judy Bell

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay C Oates

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 47

Date: 7/14/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: AA117 has been received for FY26 with an increase of funds to be added to the current budget.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-445725	PHI: Local Workforce Development	$ 40,324.00	
115119-556011	Operating Supplies	$ 10,324.00	
115119-558901	Travel & Training	$ 30,000.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Ketner

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay Cabe

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT Date: 8/31/2026
AMENDMENT # 48

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Macon County will be acquiring patients from Cherokee County starting in October. Due to this change the federal funding that Cherokee County was receiving will now come to Macon County. This BA is just to increase the expenditures and revenues for FY27 based on the additional funds.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-438502	WIC- State	$ 79,047.00	
115152-550001	Salary	$ 17,998.00	
115152-550009	Stipend	$ 30,550.00	
115152-550201	MED/FICA	$ 1,167.00	
115152-550203	Hospitalization	$ 3,591.00	
115152-550206	Life Ins.	$ 18.00	
115152-550207	Retirement	$ 2,313.00	
115152-550701	County 401K	$ 3,410.00	
115152-555106	Contracted Services	$ 20,000.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Stutzer

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kay Coles

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT # 49

Date: 8/31/2026

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

Explanation: Macon County will be acquiring patients from Cherokee County starting in October. Due to this change the federal funding that Cherokee County was receiving will now come to Macon County. This BA is just to increase the expenditures and revenues for FY27 based on the additional funds.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113511-438022	BF Peer Counselor Revenues	$ 1,134.00	
115165-550002	Salary	$ 1,134.00	

PREPARED BY Melissa Ketner

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Amy Cross

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 50

DEPARTMENT SOIL AND WATER

EXPLANATION Reduce NCADFP Trust Fund Grant - does not run through the County.

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113850	445709	NCADFP TRUST FUND GRANT		220,351
114940	561709	NCADFP TRUST FUND GRANT		220,351

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 51

DEPARTMENT SOIL AND WATER

EXPLANATION NCADFP Trust Fund Grant funding for Deal Farm projects

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113850	445734	NCADFP TRUST FUND-DEAL FARM 1	158,008	
114940	561713	NCADFP TRUST FUND-DEAL FARM 1	158,008	
113850	445734	NCADFP TRUST FUND-DEAL FARM 2	162,128	
114940	561713	NCADFP TRUST FUND-DEAL FARM 2	162,128	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Lenpard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 55

DEPARTMENT SOLID WASTE

EXPLANATION Appropriate funds for engineering and professional services associated with landfill closure activities.

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
643831	447203	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	416,000	
649100	519907	ENGINEERING FEES	404,000	
649100	555100	PROFESSIONAL FEES	12,000	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Daniel Rell

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2026 meeting

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT # 56

DEPARTMENT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EXPLANATION Appropriate special funds for Blue Ridge Honor Flight for Sheriff Holbrooks

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113840	417900	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	500	
114310	556024	SPECIAL FUND EXPENSES	500	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Sheriff Brent Holbrooks

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Lindsay Leopard

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 9/8/2020 meeting

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MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Franklin High School Project.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Architect Fees	$ 8,292,540
Professional Fees	1,619,486
Furniture/equipment	6,347,247
Issuance costs	638,868
Construction	123,628,308
Total	$ 140,526,449

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Transfer from general fund	$ 4,834,425
Financing proceeds – par amount	65,910,000
Financing proceeds – premium	7,640,274
Needs-based PSCF Grant	62,000,000
NCDOT/Duke Rebates	141,750
Total	$ 140,526,449

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2026.

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Josh Young, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE PROPOSER IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS PROPOSAL. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY PROPOSAL FOR ANY REASON IT DEEMS WARRANTED.

NON-ADVERTISED LEASE PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL TO LEASE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NON-ADVERTISED- PO-28

1. NAME OF LESSOR: Macon County County Manager Warren Cabe	2. LESSOR'S AGENT:

INDICATE EACH LESSOR'S BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION AS APPLICABLE: ___A. PROPRIETORSHIP ___B. PARTNERSHIP ___C. CORPORATION _X_D. GOVERNMENTAL ___E. NON-PROFIT ___F. *** (HUB) HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES ___G. OTHER: TAX I.D. # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: 5 West Main Street	MAILING ADDRESS:
CITY: Franklin ZIP: 28734	CITY: ZIP:
PHONE#: 828-349-2025 CELL#:	PHONE#: CELL#:
E-MAIL: wcabe@maconnc.org	E-MAIL:

3. SPACE LOCATION:(including building name, floors involved & suite or room numbers unless entire floor): 3,477 gross square feet of institutional facility space and 2. 76 acres of the surrounding grounds located on 1950 Lakeside Drive, Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	ZIP CODE
1950 Lakeside Drive	Franklin	Macon	28734

4. ATTACH FLOOR PLAN TO SCALE SHOWING THE SIZE AND LAYOUT OF SPACE OFFERED)

5. GROSS SQUARE FOOTAGE BEFORE NET USAGE COMPUTED	A. OFFICE	B. WAREHOUSE	C. OTHER

6. All proposals must be submitted on the basis of net square footage as defined on reverse side of this sheet and in the State Specifications (form PO-27 if applicable)

A. DESIRED PROPOSAL

TYPE OF SPACE	TOTAL NET SQ. FT.	ANNUAL RENTAL	ANNUAL RENT PER SQ. FT.	UTILITIES	JANITOR. SERVICES	WATER / SEWER	REQUIRED PARKING SPACES
OFFICE	3477	$1.00		NO	NO	NO	__ clientele
WAREHOUSE							__ state car
OTHER							
TOTALS	3477	$1.00	XXXX	XXXX			XXXX

Lessor will provide (___) employee parking spaces in above proposal at no additional charge to the State.

Comments:

ERRORS BY PROPOSERS IN CALCULATING NET SQUARE FOOTAGE WILL REDUCE THE ANNUAL RENTAL WITHOUT CHANGING THE PROPOSED RATE PER SQUARE FOOT IN THE PROPOSAL (see NOTE on page #2)

B. OPTIONAL ALTERNATE PROPOSAL NO. 1

(FOR PROPOSALS NOT INCLUDINING UTILITIES AND/OR JANITORIAL SERVICES)

TYPE OF SPACE	TOTAL NET SQ. FT.	ANNUAL RENTAL	ANNUAL RENT PER SQ. FT.	UTILITIES YES/NO	JANITORIAL SERVICES YES/NO	WATER/SEWER YES/NO
OFFICE						
WAREHOUSE						
OTHER						
TOTALS			XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	

Lessor will provide (___) clientele parking spaces, (____) employee parking spaces and (____) state vehicle parking spaces

Comments:

7. LEASE TERM: ____3_____ YEARS_____ BEGINNING DATE: September 8, 2026

8. RENEWAL OPTIONS, IF ANY: TERMS AND CONDITIONS: No renewal options.

NOTE: *RATES THAT INCLUDE INDETERMINABLE PERCENTAGE INCREASES, SUCH AS UNCAPPED CPI INCREASES ETC., ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE DURING EITHER THE INITIAL TERM OR ANY RENEWAL PERIOD(S)*

The State of North Carolina supports the use of products and materials having recycled content in renovation and construction. The proposed building must have facilities for handling materials to be recycled such as plastics, aluminum, wastepaper and cardboard.

THE PROPOSED BUILDING MUST BE COMPLETELY FREE OF ANY HAZARDOUS ASBESTOS OR HAZARDOUS LEAD PAINT THROUGHOUT THE STATE'S TENANCY.

Is the proposed building free of hazardous asbestos?	YES _____X_____	NO_____
Is the proposed building free of hazardous lead paint?	YES _____X_____	NO_____

DEPARTMENT:	DIVISION:
CITY:	SQUARE FEET:_____ AGENT:_____
DATE:	

LESSOR:

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10. Is Property To Be Leased Within An Area Designated By Fema To Be In A Flood Prone Area (100 Year, 500 Year)? If So, Please Provide Details Below

11. Does this space comply with local and State Building safety and zoning codes specifically including OSHA provisions for the handicapped and applicable sections of the State Building Code Volumes I-V?

X YES	NO	PARTIALLY

EXPLAIN IF OTHER THAN "YES" IS CHECKED ABOVE:

12. This proposal is made in compliance with the specifications furnished by *NCDPS* I realize that the State reserves the right to reject this proposal for any reason it deems warranted. This proposal is good until 09/30/2026. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND FURTHER AFFIRM THAT I am aware of and familiar with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 United States Code, Section 12101 et seq.) and if the above firm is awarded the contract, it will comply with the provisions of said Act.

I am aware that annual per square foot rental rate(s) which include indeterminable percentage increase(s) such as uncapped Consumer Price Index increases etc., are not acceptable during either the initial term or any renewal period(s):

(HUB) HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES (HUB) CONSIST OF MINORITY, WOMEN AND DISABLED BUSINESS FIRMS THAT ARE AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OWNED AND OPERATED BY AN INDIVIDUAL(S) OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CATEGORIES. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY ARE DISABLED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND NON-PROFIT WORK CENTERS FOR THE BLIND AND SEVERELY DISABLED.

N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of this proposal, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

Printed Name of Lessor

Signature of Lessor Date

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

NON-ADVERTISED PROPOSAL:

Questions should be directed to your NC agency contact or to NC State Property Office at: 984-236-0270

NOTE: Net square footage is a term meaning the area to be leased for occupancy by State Personnel and/or equipment. To determine net square footage:

1. Compute the inside area of the space by measuring from the normal inside finish of exterior walls or the roomside finish of fixed corridor and shaft walls, or the center of tenant separating partitions.
2. Deduct from the Inside area the following:
   - *a. Toilets and lounges
   - *b. Entrance and elevator lobbies
   - *c. Corridors
   - d. Stairwells
   - e. Elevators and escalator shafts
   - f. Building equipment and service areas
   - g. Stacks, shafts, and **interior columns**
   - h. Other space not usable for State purposes

*Deduct if space is not for exclusive use by the State. Multiple State leases require a, b, and c to be deducted. The State Property Office may make adjustments for areas deemed excessive for State use.

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION:	
CITY:	SQUARE FEET:	AGENT:
DATE:		

Thank you for the information. Normal occupancy for youth in the home is 8. Staffing ratio is 4:1 and the home is staffed 24/7.
By statute, this home is designated as an alternative to commitment for young people adjudicated at a level 2 disposition, or disposed at a level 1 with higher needs.

Methodist Home for Children does an exemplary job of utilizing a teaching model. This model is proprietary to Methodist Home for Children and focuses on strengthening social skills interactions and reduction of recidivism at a higher rate than commitment to. YDC or detention center.

Please advise if there is anything further I may do. You are appreciated Sir!

Jonelle Giulianelli
Community Programs Contract Administrator
NC Department of Public Safety
Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
3060 Hammond Business Place Suite 101
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
Office: 919-324-6399
Cell: 919-632-0938

Multipurpose Homes

Methodist Home for CHILDREN

mhfc.org



Every $1 spent for multipurpose and transitional living homes saves our communities $13.01 by reducing repeat offenses among high-risk youth – saving taxpayers $120,000 for each new offense prevented.

AT A GLANCE

- 5 co-ed group homes
- combined capacity of 40
- serving ages 10-17
- referrals by juvenile court counselors
- 6- to 8-months stays
- 6 months of aftercare
- eligibility for higher education mentoring and financial aid

OUTCOMES 2022-23

AT DISCHARGE

- 26% increase in acceptance of authority
- 30% increase in decision making skills
- math skills improvement by 1 grade level
- reading skills improvement by 3 grade levels

6 MONTHS POST-DISCHARGE

- 84% have not reoffended

12 MONTHS POST-DISCHARGE

- 77% have not reoffended (vs 45% national average)

Our multipurpose homes offer highly structured daily programming in a safe, predictable atmosphere for youth whose repeat offenses are leading them toward more serious involvement in the juvenile justice system. We use an evidence-based model of care that identifies and builds on each person's strengths while teaching them to take responsibility for their actions. Youth work on skills like accepting feedback and taking 'no' for an answer. They volunteer in the community and earn home visits or field trips through good behavior. Our on-site teachers work with them daily, individually and as a class, often seeing improvement by multiple grade levels. By the time they leave, youth have experienced successes in the classroom and gained the skills they need to achieve their potential.



PROGRAM CORNERSTONES

Skill building – through our Teaching Family Association model of care

Life lessons – how to apply for college, kitchen prep, teen court, independent living skills

Horizon-broadening experiences – college visits, sporting events, amusement parks, state parks

Therapeutic – anger management, substance abuse counseling, art, chess, woodworking

Recreation – hiking, skating, cycling, bowling

Community service – animal shelter, neighborhood cleanups, food bank

HOME STAFF

program manager
teacher
family support specialist
direct support staff

CONTACTS

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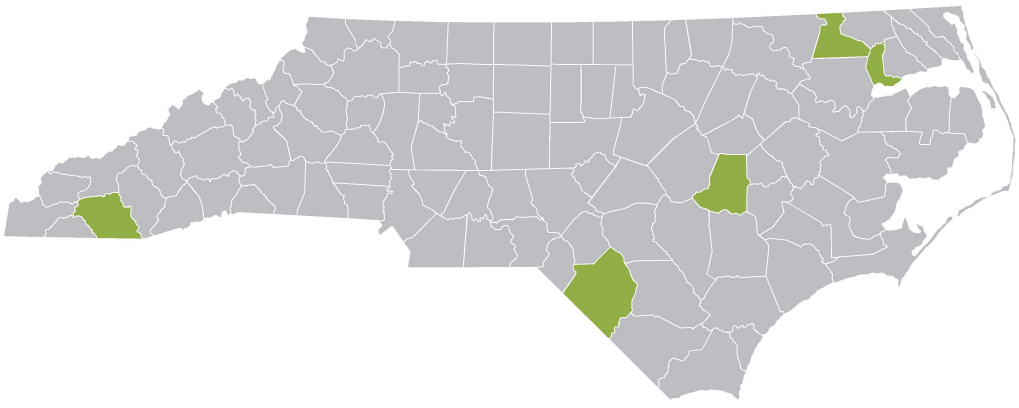
Multipurpose homes are cost-effective, short-term investments in the lives of court-involved youth to build social skills and protective factors that help them succeed in school and stay out of trouble.

ABOUT US

At Methodist Home for Children, we work to provide safe, stable homes where children and teens can thrive and live fully into their God-given potential. We hold national and international accreditations.

Methodist Home for CHILDREN

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COA Council on Accreditation

Consent Agenda – September 8, 2026

Approval of Demolition of County-Owned Property – 46 Nantahala School Road, Topton

The County-owned structure located at **46 Nantahala School Road, Topton, NC 28781** has been determined to be unsafe and in need of removal. The County has obtained a quote of **$10,000** for demolition and removal of the structure.

Requested Action: Approve the demolition and removal of the structure at a cost not to exceed $10,000 and authorize the County Manager to execute any necessary documents. Budget Amendment #34 is included to provide the necessary funding.

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TO: MACON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Macon County Tax Collector's Office
Delena Raby, Tax Collections Supervisor

DATE: September 1, 2026

RE: Releases For August, 2026

Attached please find the report of property tax releases for real estate and personal property that require your approval in order to continue with the process of releasing these amounts from the tax accounts. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions. The report of releases in alphabetical order is attached.

Amount of Releases for August, 2026: $ 3,476.85

NAME	BILL NUMBER	Release Reason	OPER	DATE/TIME	DISTRICT	VALUE	AMOUNT
117225	2026-51639	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	LAS	12/31/9999 8:28:14 AM			
RBP MANAGEMENT LLC		CLERICAL ERROR					
					F01 ADVLTAX	170,000.00	119.00
					G01 ADVLTAX	170,000.00	459.00
01 FRANKLIN		ADJUSTMENT FOR CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT				Total Releases:	578.00
150233	2026-78591	DY:0RP:6593215261	LAS	12/31/9999 10:20:51 AM			
HESS, JOHN LOWELL		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	103,915.00	280.57
					F02 ADVLTAX	103,915.00	55.90
01 FRANKLIN		OA NOT APPLIED ONTO THE BILL				Total Releases:	336.47
23704	2026-54466	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	ZAD	12/31/9999 10:21:32 AM			
GIBSON PLUMBING LLC		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	8,454.00	22.83
					F10 ADVLTAX	8,454.00	2.49
05 HIGHLANDS		Business Closed 12/31/25				Total Releases:	25.32
9080	2026-73220	DY:0RP:6584770567	LAS	12/31/9999 11:05:59 AM			
TESREAU, LILLIAN M TRUSTEE		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	105,495.00	284.83
					F01 ADVLTAX	105,495.00	73.84
12 FRANKLIN CITY		OA NOT APPLIED TO THE BILL				Total Releases:	358.67
153113	2026-300973	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	LAS	12/31/9999 11:13:17 AM			
CARSON, PATRICIA		CLERICAL ERROR					
					L01 FFEEFEE	12,788.00	120.00
					G01 ADVLTAX	12,788.00	34.53
					F01 ADVLTAX	12,788.00	8.95
01 FRANKLIN		SOLD MH 12/12/2025. NEW OWNERS ARE TOMMY & KAREN CARENDER				Total Releases:	163.48
162296	2026-303904	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	LAS	12/31/9999 11:25:32 AM			
RUSSELL, CLIFF		CLERICAL ERROR					
					L01 FFEEFEE	14,292.00	120.00
					F05 ADVLTAX	14,292.00	6.96
					G01 ADVLTAX	14,292.00	38.59
08 CARTOOGECHAYE		MICHAEL ANGEL (ACCT# 75426) SOLD HIS CAMPER TRAILER TO CLIFF RUSSELL, NOT HIS MOBILE HOME. TAXPAYER MADE MISTAKE ON LISTING FORM				Total Releases:	165.55
157651	2026-86511	DY:0RP:7449039701	LAS	12/31/9999 1:00:40 PM			
BATSON REGINALD FLEMING JR		ILLEGAL TAXES OR LEVIED FOR AN ILLEGAL PURPOSE					
					F10 ADVLTAX	134,010.00	39.40
					G01 ADVLTAX	134,010.00	361.82
					L01 FFEEFEE	134,010.00	120.00
					H01 ADVLTAX	134,010.00	177.16
14 HIGHLANDS CITY		HOUSE WAS TORE DOWN BEFORE 1/1/2026				Total Releases:	698.38

NAME	BILL NUMBER	Release Reason	OPER	DATE/TIME	DISTRICT	VALUE	AMOUNT
134199	2026-79989	DY:0RP:6594674194	LAS	12/31/9999 1:01:59 PM			
MCCOLLUM, JEAN PHILLIPS		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	160,000.00	432.00
					F01 ADVLTAX	160,000.00	112.00
01 FRANKLIN		BOARD OF E&R DECISION NOT APPLIED TO ACCOUNT				Total Releases:	544.00
146733	2026-54009	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	LAS	12/31/9999 2:02:12 PM			
TOSHIBA AMERICAN BUSINESS		CLERICAL ERROR					
					F01 PEN FEE	24,182.00	1.69
					G01 ADVLTAX	24,182.00	65.29
					G01 PEN FEE	24,182.00	6.53
					F01 ADVLTAX	24,182.00	16.93
12 FRANKLIN CITY		ADDITIONAL VALUE NEEDS TO BE ADDED & PENALTIES RELEASED. NEW BILL WILL BE GENERATED				Total Releases:	90.44
160120	2026-303369	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	LAS	12/31/9999 2:03:42 PM			
TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 PEN FEE	0.00	0.49
					F09 PEN FEE	0.00	0.09
09 NANTAHALA		REMOVING PENALTY BECAUSE BUSINESS SHOWED PROOF OF MAILING ON TIME				Total Releases:	0.58
127566	2026-52702	DY: PERSONAL PROPERTY	ZAD	12/31/9999 2:57:35 PM			
APPLING, SANDY		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	1,990.00	5.37
					F04 ADVLTAX	1,990.00	0.96
03 ELLIJAY		Travel Trailer was unlivable and hauled away. Mr. Appling is in assisted living per siter Kathy Chandler				Total Releases:	6.33
78825	2026-77786	DY:0RP:6592215530	LAS	12/31/9999 3:48:19 PM			
VINSON, LARRY EDWIN LIFE ESTATE		CLERICAL ERROR					
					G01 ADVLTAX	157,390.00	424.95
					F02 ADVLTAX	157,390.00	84.68
07 SMITHBRIDGE		OA WAS NOT APPLIED ONTO THE BILL				Total Releases:	509.63
Total Taxes - Release:							3,476.85

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TO: MACON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Macon County Tax Collector's Office
Delena Raby, Tax Collections Supervisor

DATE: August 31, 2026

RE: Settlement Report for 2025 Taxes

Each year the North Carolina General Statute §105-373 dictates that a series of reports be made available to the Macon County Commissioners as a part of the annual settlement for the Tax Collector. The reports that are attached are identified as follows:

1. A summary of the collection practices and remedies employed by the tax collector.

2. A financial report for the most recent fiscal year's taxes that balances all of the amounts charged to the tax collector for collection, including taxes, discoveries, penalties, fees and interest, against the amounts actually collected. (Settlement Report)

3. A sworn statement that states that diligent effort has been made by the Collector to collect any taxes due by reasonable means available for collection procedures.

4. A list of delinquent property taxes from the most recent year owed by taxpayers who do own real property in the jurisdiction. This list is further identified as the same list that was provided as the advertising list for publication in the local paper. **Please note that this list was generated in May 2026, for advertisement purposes, and many of the accounts on this list have been paid in full at this time. This list is on file in the Macon County Tax Collector's Office and will be provided if needed.**

5. A list of delinquent property taxes from the most recent fiscal year owed by taxpayers who do not own real property in the jurisdiction (personal property). **This list is on file in the Macon County Tax Collector's Office and will be provided if needed.**

MACON COUNTY
Tax Collection Procedures
08/31/2026

TAX COLLECTIONS:

The Tax Collections Office staff consists of a Tax Collection Supervisor, and two (2) Deputy Tax Collectors, all of whom are certified through the North Carolina Tax Collectors Association. The collection procedure involves processing payments through checks, cash and electronic payments. Property owners may pay their taxes through the mail, phone-based transactions, on-line, in person and through a secure drop-off box located in front of the annex building. Many accounts are also paid through an electronic process utilized by escrow companies, service companies and by Auto-Agent, which is a software program that mortgage/escrow companies utilize in order to eliminate 98% of refunds.

The collections office staff utilizes diligent effort to collect both the current year taxes and any delinquent taxes. Collection of the current year taxes involves the processes as mentioned above as well as a lockbox service, which is provided through the Wells Fargo bank. This service involves Wells Fargo staff electronically processing payments, with a report provided to the office staff daily, with payments processed and balanced by the collections staff on the same day. In addition, this staff works closely with escrow companies, service companies and Auto-Agent to electronically process payments that are forwarded each year. As always, we process payments on-site, and service many property owners who pay directly through our office.

We have increased the use of enforced collections through this office in recent years. Enforced collections involve processes utilized to collect delinquent taxes. These processes include: garnishment of bank accounts, garnishment of Department of Revenue returns, garnishment of rents or other dollars held by a third party, and as a last resort, the foreclosure process.

As noted above, the foreclosure process is now utilized in this office with successful results. We contract with attorney Victoria Schiffli, of Ridenour & Goss to handle our foreclosures. The mortgage style foreclosure process is utilized, resulting in a much more efficient process, with attorney involvement throughout. This process in initiated with a demand letter for payment, which regularly results in payment without any other part of the process being utilized. In my opinion, the inclusion of this process is necessary to insure that the tax collections rate is kept at the maximum amount achievable.

Prior to enforced collections being utilized, a property owner is notified by billings in July of each year, second notices which are mailed in January of each year, advertisement in the newspaper which is scheduled for April of each year, and various other communications that are mailed directly from this office. Processes for payment also include pre-payments, which allow a property owner to divide his or her tax bill into twelve (12) "pre-payments" prior to the bill being issued or partial payments after the bills are issued and prior to the delinquency date.

Processing and balancing of fund collection reports are issued to the finance office on a daily, monthly, and yearly basis.

The increase in the use of enforced collections and other collection procedures has resulted in the tax collection rate being over 98% for the past four (4) years, with the 2025 collection rate being 98.55%.

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TO: MACON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Macon County Tax Collector's Office
Delena Raby, Tax Collections Supervisor

DATE: August 31, 2026

RE: Settlement Report

In accordance with N.C.G.S. §105-373(a) (1), I respectfully submit the following statement:

The following lists are on file and available for review in the Tax Collections Office. (1) a list of the persons owning real property whose taxes for 2025 remain unpaid, along with the principal amount owed by each person (the advertisement list which was developed and made available in May, 2026); and (2) a list of the persons not owning real property whose personal property taxes for 2026 remain unpaid, along with the principal amount owed by each person.

In compliance with N.C.G.S. §105-373(a)(3), a report entitled "Macon County Settlement Report -2025" setting forth my full settlement for all taxes in my hands for collection of the 2025 taxes, as well as any delinquent taxes owed will be provided.

Further, I hereby certify that I have made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due from the persons listed in such a manner that is reasonably necessary.

LORI A SMITH NOTARY PUBLIC MACON COUNTY, NC

Respectfully submitted,

Delena Raby
Delena Raby, Tax Collections Supervisor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 31st day of August, 2026.

Lori A. Smith
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 24, 2030

Settlement for Current Taxes for
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
General Taxes G01*25

Charges:			Running Total
Personal Levy	474,835.26		
Real Levy	33,761,670.02		
Total Original Levy		34,236,505.28	
Discovery Levy	69,740.07		
Rollback Lavy	41,786.90		
Discovery Total		111,526.97	34,348,032.25
Corporate Utility Levy		709,480.81	35,057,513.06
Total		**35,057,513.06**	
Credits:			
Deposit	(34,850,299.49)		
Interest	80,266.90		
Releases	(24,277.48)		
Refunds	163,006.10		
Write Offs	(1,110.53)		
Misc Debits/Credits	83,308.51		
Uncollected	(508,407.07)		
Total	**(35,057,513.06)**		
Total Charges	**35,057,513.06**		
Total Credits	**(35,057,513.06)**		
Variance	-		

Collection percentage for 2025 General County Taxes: 98.55%

Delena Raby
Delena Raby
Tax Collections Supervisor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME , this 19th day of August, 2026.

LORI A SMITH NOTARY PUBLIC MACON COUNTY, NC

Lori Smith
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

9/24/2030

COLLECTIONS MONTHLY TOTALS REPORT
Macon County - Year To Date August 2026 Tax Year 2026

Macon County
Advalorem Tax Collections Report
Year To Date August 2026 Tax Year 2026

TAX YEAR 2026 Month To Date August 2026 Tax Year 2026

Month to Date	Beginning Balance	Levy Added	Less Releases	Less Administrative Refunds	Less Write Offs	Equals Adjusted Levy	Less Payments	Outstanding Balance
General Tax	33,166,804.52	13,884.99	-287.94	0.00	-22.85	33,180,378.72	-9,277,110.15	23,903,268.57
Fire Districts	5,728,162.39	2,619.73	-54.01	0.00	-4.58	5,730,723.53	-1,472,962.54	4,257,760.99
Landfill User Fee	3,221,954.49	240.00	-720.00	0.00	-2.67	3,221,471.82	-764,672.88	2,456,798.94
TOTAL:	**42,116,921.40**	**16,744.72**	**-1,061.95**	**0.00**	**-30.10**	**42,132,574.07**	**-11,514,745.57**	**30,617,828.50**

TAX YEAR 2026 Year To Date August 2026 Tax Year 2026

Year to Date	Beginning Balance	Levy Added	Less Releases	Less Administrative Refunds	Less Write Offs	Equals Adjusted Levy	Less Payments	Outstanding Balance	This Year Collection Percentage Tax Year 2026 As of 8/31/2026	Last Year Collection Percentage Tax Year 2025 As of 8/31/2025
General Tax	0.00	34,820,348.83	-287.94	0.00	-940.44	34,819,120.45	-10,915,851.88	23,903,268.57	31.35%	30.31
Fire Districts	0.00	6,007,317.78	-54.01	0.00	-183.86	6,007,079.91	-1,749,318.92	4,257,760.99	29.12%	27.66
Landfill User Fee	0.00	3,368,760.00	-720.00	0.00	-2.73	3,368,037.27	-911,238.33	2,456,798.94	27.06%	26.01
TOTAL:	**0.00**	**44,196,426.61**	**-1,061.95**	**0.00**	**-1127.03**	**44,194,237.63**	**-13,576,409.13**	**30,617,828.50**	**30.72%**	**29.64**

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – APPOINTMENTS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

13A. **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) (15 seats) –** Per NCGS 143B the JCPC members must be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The NCGS allows for 26 members and the majority of those members are specified roles and functions which is attached. Included in your packet are applications for James Jallah, Dana Mills, Jennifer Morgan, Dr. David Ramsey, Matthew Ramsey, Brad Renegar, Adriena Hall and Annie Wishon who are all current members of the JCPC. Additional candidates, some of who are current members, are County Department Heads or designees and were not required to submit an application. Those candidates are Detective Anthony Zari (Sheriff Designee), Jason Arnold (District Attorney Designee), Dusty Snider (Chief Court Counselor), Stacey Jenkins (DSS Director Designee), Tammy Keezer (County Manager Designee), Danny Antoine (County Commissioner), Cadee Breedlove (FHS Student), Kenna Keyworth (FHS Student), Kimberly Dills (CHSA Director), and Seth Adams (Parks & Rec Director). This leaves vacancies for the Chief of Police, Juvenile Defense Attorney, Member of the Business Community and 5 at-large Commissioner appointees.

Appointments can be made in one single vote.

13B. **Consolidated Human Services (CHSA) Board (1 seat)** – Included in your packet is the application for Sheena Ledford who is requesting to fill the Social Worker slot on the CHSA Board. No other applications for this seat have been received and the application has been reviewed by the CHSA Director Kimberly Dills, Board Chairman Garrett Higdon, and Vice Chairman Matt Corbin.

JCPC APPLICATIONS

Instructions: N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies suggested members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve. Please indicate the person appointed to serve in each category and his/her title. Indicate appointed members who are designees for named positions. Indicate race and gender for all appointments.

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Specified Members	Name	Title	Designee	Race	Gender
1) School Superintendent or designee	Annie Wishon	Student Services Coordinator	✓	White	Female
2) Chief of Police or designee	VACANT				
3) Local Sheriff or designee	Detective Anthony Zari	Detective. Macon County Sheriffs Office	✓	White	Male
4) District Attorney or designee	Jason Arnold	Assistant DA	✓	White	Male
5) Chief Court Counselor or designee	Dusty Snider	Chief Court Counselor		White	Male
6) Director, Local Management Entity/ Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), or designee	Jennifer Morgan	Designee	✓	White	Female
7) Director DSS or designee	Stacey Jenkins	CPS Social Work Supervisor	✓	White	Female
8) County Manager or designee	Tammy Keezer	HR & Safety Director/Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	✓	White	Female
9) Substance Abuse Professional	Dana Mills	Therapist		While	Female
10) Member of Faith Community	Dr. David M. Ramsey III. MD	Deacon at St. Francis Catholic Church		White	Male
11) County Commissioner	Danny Antione	Commissioner		Black or African-American	Male
12) A Person Under the Age of 21	Cadee Breedlove	FHS Student		White	Female
13) A Person Under the Age of 21, or a member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles	Kenna Keyworth	FHS Student		White	Female
14) Juvenile Defense Attorney	VACANT				
15) Chief District Judge or designee	Brad Renegar	NCGAL		White	Male
16) Member of Business Community	VACANT				
17) Local Health Director or designee	Kimberly Dills	Macon County Health Director		White	Female
18) Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Andriena Hall	Court Advocate			
19) Representative/Parks and Rec	Seth Adams	Director		White	Male
20) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
21) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
22) County Commissioner appointee	James Jallah	Court Counselor Supervisor		Black or African-American	Male
23) County Commissioner appointee	Matt Ramsey	Court Counselor		White	Male
24) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
25) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
26) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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Name of Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying to serve on Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Contact Information

Name James Jallah

Preferred Name James

Physical Address 90 CUmberland Lane,
Murohy, North Carolina, 28906

Mailing Address 90 Cumberland Lane
Murphy, North Carolina, 28906

Email james.jallah@ncdps.gov

Work Phone Number (828) 644-4053

Mobile Phone Number (820) 644-4053

Home Phone Number (706) 633-4263

Preferred Number Work Phone Number

Education

High School Name Yes

Year Graduated	1996
College Name	LaGrange College
Year Graduated	2003
Graduated	Yes
Degree	BSc in Human Sevice/Social Work and BSc Business Management
Post Grad College Name	University of Georgia
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2010
Degree	Master of Social Work MSW

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time
Employer	North Carolina Department of Puplic Safety/ Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Job Title	Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor
Address	75 Peachtree Street Murphy, North Carolina, 28906
Contact Person	Dusty Snider
Phone Number	(820) 506-5738
Email	dusty.snider@ncdps.gov
Employment Date	Tuesday, July 17, 2007
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	NC Criminal Justice Certification

Previous employment or experience

N/A

Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions	Advisory Board Member SECU Cherokee County Branch

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

Administrative Board Member Murphy First United Methodist Church

Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?

No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

As a Supervisor with DJJDP, serving on the board will enable to provide my expertise and service to the board ensuring that there is proper oversight as it relates to the expenditure of JCPC funding allocation along with service provision for court referred and other youths within the county.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

I have more than 20 years of experience in working with and serving youth within the community in several calicities ranging from coaching, mentorship, DJJ, and serving on local boards.

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?

Notification from JCPC

Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina

Yes

Are you a full time resident of Macon County

No

Are you a Macon County property owner

No

If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

Do you or someone in your immediate family have a Financial interest in a nursing home located in Macon County?

No

Is someone in your immediate family a resident in a nursing home located in Macon County?

No

References

First Reference

Matt Ramsey

Title

Juvenile Court Counselor

Organization

NCDPD/ DJJ

Phone Number	(820) 506-1489
Email	matt.ramsey@ncdps.gov
Relationship	Co worker
Second Reference	Dusty Snider
Title	Chief Court Counselor
Organization	NCDPS/DJJDP
Phone Number	(828) 506-5738
Email	dusty.snider@ncdps.gov
Relationship	Supervisor

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Full Name of Spouse (if married)	Paywala Jallah
Spouse's Place of Employment	NCG Care
Spouse's Position/Title	Paraprofessional

Please list all entities of which you or your spouse are an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee, or have at least a five percent (5%) ownership interest, and describe your affiliation with such entity (if there are none, please state "none"

None

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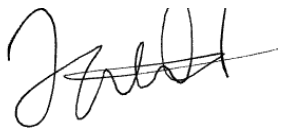
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Name of Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying to serve on: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Contact Information

Name: Dana Mills

Preferred Name: Dana

Physical Address: 50 Holbrook Branch Lane
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Mailing Address: PO BOX 1807
Franklin, North Carolina, 28744

Email: danamills.therapist@gmail.com

Work Phone Number: (828) 421-2380

Mobile Phone Number: (828) 421-2380

Home Phone Number: (828) 421-2380

Preferred Number: Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name: Franklin High School

Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	1991
College Name	Waldorf College
Year Graduated	2013
Graduated	Yes
Degree	BA Psychology
Post Grad College Name	Liberty University
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2015
Degree	M.A. Professional Counseling

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time, Self Employed
Employer	Restoration Recovery Therapeutic Services
Job Title	Therapist/Owner
Address	309 Highlands Rd Franklin, North Carolina, 28734
Contact Person	Dana Mills
Phone Number	(828) 421-2380
Email	danamills.therapist@gmail.com
Employment Date	Thursday, March 1, 2018
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	LCMHC, LCAS, CCS

Previous employment or experience

Meridian Behavioral Health/ Mountain Judicial Accountability court treatment provider, NE GA

Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?
No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?
To support youth support services

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission
Clinical Addiction Specialist

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?
Matt Ramsay

Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina
Yes

Are you a full time resident of Macon County
Yes

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Yes

If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

Do you or someone in your immediate family have a Financial interest in a nursing home located in Macon County?
No

Is someone in your immediate family a resident in a nursing home located in Macon County?
No

References

First Reference
Anita Dooley

Title
Intake/ scheduling; CADC

Organization
Blue Ridge Health

Phone Number
(828) 347-6705

Email
Nitado@aol.com

Relationship
Colleague

Second Reference	Sunshine Windsor
Title	School Therapist
Organization	The Peak
Phone Number	(124) 893-5659
Email	windsor.sunshine@ymail.com
Relationship	Colleague

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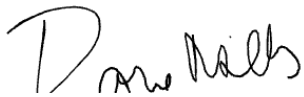
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Contact Information

Name Jennifer Morgan

Preferred Name Jennifer Morgan

Physical Address 328 Cullowhee Heights, Cullowhee NC 28723
Cullowhee, North Carolina, 28723

Mailing Address PO Box 56
Cullowhee, North Carolina, 28723

Email jennifer.morgan@vayahealth.com

Mobile Phone Number (828) 506-1415

Preferred Number Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name South Rowan High School

Graduated Yes

Year Graduated	2000
College Name	Western Carolina University
Year Graduated	2004
Graduated	Yes
Degree	Psychology
Post Grad College Name	Western Carolina University
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2015
Degree	MAT

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time
Employer	Vaya Health
Job Title	System of Care Coordinator for Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties
Address	200 Ridgefield Court, Suite 218 Asheville, North Carolina, 28806
Contact Person	Laquitia Cozart
Email	laquitia.cozart@vayahealth.com
Employment Date	Monday, November 24, 2025
Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions	Jackson JCPC, Swain JCPC, Macon Child Collaborative, Compassion Jackson Child Collaborative, Swain County Child Collaborative
Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?	No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

Being on JCPC's in the counties I serve is part of my employment. It is reported on to the State System of Care. My counties are Jackson, Macon and Swain. I have worked in each county to set up a child

collaborative to work with youth/ kids, their families, and community stakeholders to identify gaps and work with the child collaborative to bring awareness in identified areas. System of Care Coordinators apply for grants for the child collaboratives to bring awareness to each community they serve.

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I currently work with DSS, DJJ, schools, MH providers, non-profit organizations, and community stakeholders in each community I serve. I have been attending JCPC meetings since January of this year.

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?	Lorraine Williams, who is the area consultant for Community Programs for DJJ
Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes
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If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

References

First Reference	Matt Ramsey
Title	Juvenile Court Counselor
Organization	Macon Co. DJJ
Email	matt.ramsey@ncdps.gov
Relationship	current chair of JCPC
Second Reference	Lorraine Williams
Title	Area Consultant
Organization	Community Programs- DJJ
Email	lorraine.williams@ncdps.gov
Relationship	Colleague on current board
Third Reference	Dusty Snider
Title	Chief Court Counselor
Organization	DJJ

Email	dusty.snider@ncdps.gov
Relationship	current colleague on JCPC

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Contact Information

Name Rev. Dr. David Ramsey

Preferred Name David

Physical Address 176 Quail Ridge Road
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Mailing Address 176 Quail Ridge Road
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Email dmramseyiii@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number (828) 506-3348

Home Phone Number (828) 634-1208

Preferred Number Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name Leon, Tallahassee, Florida

Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	1976
College Name	FSU
Year Graduated	1972
Graduated	Yes
Degree	Philosophy, pre-med
Post Grad College Name	Florida
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	1976
Degree	MD

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Retired
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	Physician
Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?	No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

As a permanent deacon at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church I care about the wider community than just my church community. Also, I have cared for many in the local area as a physician in Sylva for 25 years.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

Counseling, spiritual guidance

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?	Son who is the juvenile court counselor

Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes
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If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

References

First Reference	Matthew Ramsey
Title	Macon county juvenile court counselor
Organization	Dept. of Justice
Phone Number	(828) 506-1489
Email	mcramsey6832@gmail.com
Relationship	Son
Second Reference	Allene Ramsey
Title	Wife
Phone Number	(828) 226-6088
Email	alramsey948@gmail.com
Relationship	Wife
Third Reference	Father Tien Duong
Title	Priest
Organization	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Phone Number	(828) 524-2289
Email	pherotien@hotmail.com
Relationship	None

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Full Name of Spouse (if married)	Allene Ramsey

Spouse's Place of Employment Retired

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Name of Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying to serve on Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Contact Information

Name Mr. Matthew Conner Ramsey

Preferred Name Matt

Physical Address 338 Fox Ridge Cir.
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Mailing Address 338 Fox Ridge Cir.
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Email matt.ramsey@ncdps.gov

Work Phone Number (828) 550-9848

Preferred Number Work Phone Number

Education

High School Name Smoky Mountain High

Graduated Yes

Year Graduated	1999
College Name	Western Carolina University
Year Graduated	2006
Graduated	Yes
Degree	BA (History & Pol. Sci); BS Criminal Justice
Post Grad College Name	Western Carolina University
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2008
Degree	MAT

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time
Employer	NCDPS-DJJDP
Job Title	Juvenile Court Counselor
Address	Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main St. Franklin, North Carolina, 28734
Employment Date	Monday, October 2, 2017
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	JCC; GI; RCDT; MRT
Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions	JCPC Chair Person
Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?	No
Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes

Are you a full time resident of Macon County

Yes

Are you a Macon County property owner

Yes

If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

Do you or someone in your immediate family have a Financial interest in a nursing home located in Macon County?

No

Is someone in your immediate family a resident in a nursing home located in Macon County?

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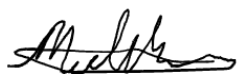
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Name of Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying to serve on: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Contact Information

Name: David Bradley Renegar

Preferred Name: Brad Renegar

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Waynesville, North Carolina, 28786

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Waynesville, North Carolina, 28786

Email: david.b.renegar@nccourts.org

Work Phone Number: (828) 454-6395

Mobile Phone Number: (828) 384-8555

Preferred Number: Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name: Watauga

Year Graduated 1992

College Name Appalachian state

Year Graduated 1996

Graduated Yes

Degree Criminal justice

Post Grad College Name Montreat

Graduated Yes

Year Graduated 2010

Degree Masters in management and leadership

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status Full-Time

Employer NCGAL - Admin office of the Courts

Job Title District administrator

Address 285 N main st, Ste 2100
Waynesville, North Carolina, 28786

Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying? No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

My previous career was in juvenile justice and was originally asked to serve as the judge's appointee by Hon. Holt, and have agreed to serve for each chief district judge since.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

I have served on 15 different county jcpcs to date.

Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina Yes

Are you a full time resident of Macon County No

Are you a Macon County property owner	No

If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

Do you or someone in your immediate family have a Financial interest in a nursing home located in Macon County?	No

References

First Reference	Dusty Snider
Title	Chief court counselor
Organization	Ncdjjdp
Phone Number	(828) 506-5738
Email	dusty.snider@ncdps.gov
Relationship	Work colleagues

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Contact Information

Name Annie Wishon

Preferred Name Annie

Physical Address 426 Country Walk
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734-1412

Mailing Address 426 Country Walk
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734-1412

Email annie.wishon@macon.k12.nc.us

Work Phone Number (828) 524-4414

Mobile Phone Number (828) 421-0324

Preferred Number Work Phone Number

Education

High School Name Franklin High School

Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2005
College Name	Western Carolina University
Year Graduated	2009
Graduated	Yes
Degree	BSW

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time
Employer	Macon County Schools
Job Title	Student Services Coordinator
Address	1202 Old Murphy Rd Franklin, North Carolina, 28734-1412
Contact Person	Dr. Josh Lynch
Phone Number	(828) 524-4414
Email	josh.lynch@macon.k12.nc.us
Employment Date	Monday, November 9, 2009
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	School Social Worker
Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions	Chamber Board of Directors
Community Service/Volunteer Activities	Vice President of Macon County Youth Basketball
Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?	No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

Serve as the designee for Superintendent, Dr. Josh Lynch and Macon County Schools.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

Serving on the board will allow open communication with members of the JCPC to benefit students of Macon County Schools.

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?	email from the JCPC
Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes
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If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

References

First Reference	Josh Lynch
Title	Superintendent
Organization	Macon County Schools
Phone Number	(828) 524-4414
Email	josh.lynch@macon.k12.nc.us
Relationship	Superintendent
Second Reference	Renee Burt
Title	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Clerk to the Board of Education, Public Information Officer
Organization	Macon County Schools
Phone Number	(828) 524-4414
Email	renee.burt@macon.k12.nc.us
Relationship	Coworker
Third Reference	Dr. Matt Corbin
Title	Dentist

Organization	Corbin Dental
Phone Number	(828) 524-6111
Email	matt@corbindentalcare.com
Relationship	friend

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Full Name of Spouse (if married)	Gary Wishon
Spouse's Place of Employment	Retired

Please list all entities of which you or your spouse are an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee, or have at least a five percent (5%) ownership interest, and describe your affiliation with such entity (if there are none, please state "none"

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Contact Information

Name Andreina Hall

Preferred Name Andy Hall

Physical Address 29 Meadowlark Drive
FRANKLIN, North Carolina, 28734

Mailing Address PO BOX 228
FRANKLIN, North Carolina, 28744

Email ahall@reachofmaconcounty.org

Work Phone Number (828) 369-5544

Mobile Phone Number (828) 332-0077

Preferred Number Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name Colegio Madre Matilde

Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	1997
College Name	Western Carolina University
Year Graduated	2017
Graduated	Yes
Degree	Criminal Justice

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Full-Time
Employer	REACH of Macon County
Job Title	Court Advocate and Victim Advocate
Address	29 Meadowlark Dr Franklin, North Carolina, 28734
Contact Person	Jennifer Turner-Lynn
Phone Number	(828) 369-5544
Email	Jturner-lynn@reachofmaconcounty.org
Employment Date	Friday, October 1, 2004

Previous employment or experience

Spanish Newspaper - Mountaineer in Waynesville

Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions	REACH Of Macon County
Community Service/Volunteer Activities	Latinx Community, LGBTQIA, Catholic Sunday School
Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?	No

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

I would like to serve on the Macon County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council because I believe every young person deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, supportive environment where they can

thrive. Through my work with REACH of Macon County, I have seen firsthand how adverse childhood experiences, violence, trauma, family instability, and unmet behavioral health needs can place youth at greater risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system. I also know that early intervention, collaboration, and access to community resources can change the trajectory of a young person's life.

As a representative of REACH, I would bring experience in prevention education, victim advocacy, youth programming, and collaboration with schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations. I value practical, evidence-informed solutions and believe that strong partnerships are essential to addressing the underlying causes of juvenile delinquency.

I would be honored to contribute to the Council's efforts by helping identify service gaps, supporting effective prevention and intervention strategies, and ensuring that the voices and needs of vulnerable youth and families are represented. Serving on the Council aligns with REACH's mission to prevent violence, strengthen families, and build a healthier, safer Macon County for future generations.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

Through my role with REACH of Macon County, I have extensive experience working with youth and families impacted by trauma, abuse, violence, and other adverse childhood experiences. My background includes prevention education, victim advocacy, community outreach, program development, grant management, and building collaborative partnerships across multiple systems, including schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, the court system, and social service agencies.

I bring a strong understanding of trauma-informed and victim-centered practices, as well as the unique challenges facing rural communities. I have experience using data to identify community needs, developing evidence-based programs, and securing funding to expand services for underserved populations. I am a collaborative problem solver who values diverse perspectives and believes that meaningful prevention efforts require strong partnerships and thoughtful planning.

Most importantly, I am committed to ensuring that the voices of children, youth, and families are considered when developing policies and programs that impact our community. I would bring a collaborative, solutions-focused approach and a genuine commitment to improving outcomes for Macon County's young people.

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?	Jennifer Turner-Lynn thru Tammy Keezer
Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes
Are you a full time resident of Macon County	No
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If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

References

First Reference	Andrea Anderson
Title	Executive Director

Organization	REACH of Macon County
Phone Number	(828) 369-5544
Email	aanderson@reachofmaconcounty.org
Relationship	Employer
Second Reference	Jennifer Turner-Lynn
Title	Assistant Director
Organization	REACH of Macon County
Phone Number	(828) 369-5544
Email	Jturner-lynn@reachofmaconcounty.org
Relationship	Colleague and personal friend for more than 17 years
Third Reference	AShley Hornsby-Welch
Title	District Attorney
Organization	43rd Judicial Disctrict
Phone Number	(828) 606-2245
Email	ahhornsby@yahoo.com
Relationship	Professional Colleague

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Full Name of Spouse (if married)	Kevin Hall
Spouse's Place of Employment	Coldwell Banker West Realty
Spouse's Position/Title	Realtor

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Contact Information

Name Mrs. Sheena Marie Ledford

Preferred Name Sheena Ledford

Physical Address 141 Brookstone Forest Way
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Mailing Address 141 Brookstone Forest Way
Franklin, North Carolina, 28734

Email brighttherapeuticservices@gmail.com

Work Phone Number (828) 672-3795

Mobile Phone Number (402) 289-7376

Preferred Number Mobile Phone Number

Education

High School Name Franklin High School

Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2004
College Name	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Year Graduated	2010
Graduated	Yes
Degree	General Studies, Emphasis in Psychology
Post Grad College Name	Western Carolina University
Graduated	Yes
Year Graduated	2019
Degree	Masters of Social Work

Employment Status

Please provide your current employment status	Self Employed
Employer	Bright Therapeutic Services, PLLC
Job Title	Mental Health Therapist
Address	33 E. Main St #19 Franklin, North Carolina, 27634
Contact Person	Sheena Ledford
Phone Number	(402) 289-7376
Email	brighttherapeuticservices@gmail.com
Employment Date	Saturday, October 1, 2022
Professional Licenses held (if applicable)	Ph.D: Clinical Sexology, LCSW (NC), CSW (GA), LIMHP (NE), CSW (SC), CST (Certified Sex Therapist)

Previous employment or experience

- Current: Western Carolina University: Adjust professor and supervisor for Master's Level Social Work students
- Macon County: providing mental health services to the Macon County Detention Center (until 7/1/2026)
- Ridgeline Therapeutic Collaborative Group Mental Health Private Practice
- Analenisgi (Cherokee Indian Hospital) providing mental health services on the Family Safety Team

- Appalachian Community Services providing integrated mental health services for the health department, as well as assisted with a grant funded program at South Macon Elementary providing integrated mental health services to the students

Membership in professional, civic organization or government boards or commissions

N/A

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

Macon County Mental Health Task Force

Could you or your family be affected financially by decisions made by the board or commission for which you are applying?

No

If yes please explain

N/A

Why do you want to serve on this Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee ?

I firmly believe that mental health is an essential part of a person's overall health and well-being. Mental health is about far more than symptoms or a diagnosis; it intersects with nearly every domain of a person's life and directly impacts how they are able to function, connect with others, care for themselves and their families, and engage with their community. Social work is the basis from which all of this knowledge grows.

I view the Health Board as an opportunity to bring together community leaders with diverse areas of knowledge and experience to address the many of these interconnected factors that influence the health of our community. I deeply appreciate the inclusion of mental health and social within that work, as it is an area of health that has historically been overlooked or treated separately from overall well-being.

My professional path has given me the opportunity to understand health and community needs from several different perspectives. My experience spans business operations, working with DSS and families navigating reunification, earning my Master of Social Work and building a private practice, providing mental health services for many years within the Macon County Detention Center, and ultimately earning my PhD in Clinical Sexology. Each of these experiences has broadened my understanding of the ways mental health intersects with family systems, access to care, socioeconomic circumstances, physical and sexual health, the criminal justice system, and the larger systems within which people live.

I am immensely humbled and honored to have been asked and have the opportunity to be considered to join this board, as it is such important work. I believe I can bring meaningful knowledge, education, and perspective to the Health Board through my background in social work, mental health, clinical practice, and organizational leadership. Plus, getting the opportunity to learn from the expertise and perspectives of other board members and community partners feels like a true gift.

I feel that serving on the Health Board would be a meaningful way for me to continue giving back to the community I love and the place I am proud to call home.

Please list any special skills, interest or qualifications which you feel would be an asset to said board or commission

I bring a diverse combination of clinical, social work, organizational leadership, and community-based experience that I believe would be an asset to the Health Board. My qualifications and areas of expertise include:

- Licensed clinical social work and extensive experience providing mental health assessment, treatment, and advocacy across a variety of settings and populations.
- A PhD in Clinical Sexology, which exhibits skills in research, synthesis of information and data collection,

dedication and commitment, as well as specialized knowledge of the intersection of mental health, sexual and reproductive health, relationships, and overall well-being.
-Experience in teaching and education, as well as leadership in providing imperative supervision to upcoming therapists and clinicians working through their master's level education
-Experience working within community systems, including DSS/family reunification services, providing mental health care within the Macon County Detention Center, and contributing to the Macon County Mental Health Task Force.
-Experience as a private practice owner, including solo business ownership, navigating complex healthcare systems, insurance, access to behavioral healthcare, ethical and regulatory requirements, and the needs of both clients and providers.
-Significant business operations and leadership experience, including budgeting, program development, personnel management, problem-solving, and organizational strategy.
-A systems-oriented social work perspective that considers how factors such as family systems, socioeconomic circumstances, access to resources, physical health, mental health, and community infrastructure interact to affect individual and community well-being.
-A strong interest in improving access to comprehensive, inclusive, and evidence-based healthcare within our community.

Perhaps most importantly, I bring a collaborative approach and a willingness to listen, ask questions, consider multiple perspectives, and work toward practical solutions that serve the broader needs of our community.

How did you learn of the opening on the Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?	Direct referral from Tammy Keezer
Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina	Yes
Are you a full time resident of Macon County	Yes
Are you a Macon County property owner	Yes

If you are applying for the Nursing Home Adult Care Advisory Committee

References

First Reference	Tammy Keezer
Title	HR & Safety Director/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Organization	Macon County
Phone Number	(828) 342-4539
Email	tkeezer@maconnc.org
Relationship	Previous Director at Macon County Health Department
Second Reference	Beth Harmer

Title	Department Head: MSW Graduate Program Director & Assistant Professor
Organization	Western Carolina University
Phone Number	(864) 380-6562
Email	llyoung@wcu.edu
Relationship	Graduate Professor, WCU Director
Third Reference	Juline Mosser
Title	Group Practice Owner
Organization	Omaha Wellness Collective
Phone Number	(402) 517-6007
Email	julinemosser@gmail.com
Relationship	Business Co-Founder, Group Practice Owner

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Full Name of Spouse (if married)	Mr. Kyle Thomas Ledford
Spouse's Place of Employment	KL Metals, INC.
Spouse's Position/Title	CEO/Owner

Please list all entities of which you or your spouse are an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee, or have at least a five percent (5%) ownership interest, and describe your affiliation with such entity (if there are none, please state "none"

Bright Therapeutic Services, PLLC (Sheena: Sole Owner)
Docs of SHH, LLC (Sheena 51% owner)
KL Metals, Inc. (Kyle: Sole Owner)
Ledfords & Son, LLC (Sheena & Kyle 50/50% ownership)
Bright Colorado, LLC (Sheena & Kyle 50/50% ownership)
Wester Carolina University (W2 position)

By submitting this Application for Appointment, I pledge that, if appointed, I agree by my signature below that all of the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I pledge to comply with the following ethics guidelines as fully set forth in the Code of Ethics.

I. **Declaration of Policy**

The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that governmental decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government.

In recognition of these goals, a Code of Ethics for county officials was adopted. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all officials and to set forth

actions that are compatible with the best interests of the County.

II. **Applicability of Ethics Policy**

The provisions of this policy shall apply to all elected and appointed county officials, members of County Boards and Committees appointed by the County Commissioners and other County employees.

III. **Financial and Personal Disclosure**

Any County official or employee who must officially consider any public matter involving his financial or personal interests or those of his immediate family, shall first publicly disclose the nature and extent of such interest and shall abstain from acting thereon unless provisions of state law require otherwise.

IV. **Gifts and Favors**

No official or employee shall knowingly accept any gift, whether in the form of money, thing, favor, loan or promise, when it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence or reward an official action on his part. Gifts, meals, other favors of an incidental nature and of minor value (less than $100), or legitimate political contributions shall not be included in this policy.

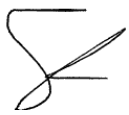
V. **Appointment, Employment, or Contract Award of Relatives or Business Partners**

Public officials of the appointing authority must disclose on the public record any person of their immediate family related by blood or marriage or business interest who is being considered for appointment, employment, or contract award by that authority.

I would like to be considered for appointment to serve, without compensation, on a county Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee and I hereby certify by signing that all of my Macon County property taxes are paid in full. I realize that, because I have volunteered, it in no way guarantees that I will be appointed to a Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee by the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

Upon appointment to a Board/Committe, the information contained herein becomes a matter of public record per North Carolina Statute 132-1

Signature



Approval Activity History

Actor	Actions	Date
Notification	Email sent. (Email) nparrott@maconnc.org,tkeezer@maconnc.org,wcabe@maconnc.org	Thursday, September 3, 2026